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1845-1900

1044-1000 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The houses that were originally built along this side of S. Charles St. in the late 1840's were built either as two story plus attic, two bay wide brick houses, or three story, two bay wide brick houses, both with gable roofs. Most served a combination residential/commercial function. A number of these original houses have survived in close to their original exterior form, but many were remodeled after the Civil War and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. 1026 S. Charles St. is particularly noteworthy for its surviving Victorian-style shopfront with cast iron corner columns. The original group of gable-roofed houses that stood at 1000-1010 S. Charles St. was replaced in 1900 by a large three story, five bay wide, brown brick department store with Classical Revival details (Wessel's Department store) which now serves as a supermarket.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Steve's Super Market/Wessel's Department Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1000-1010 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore — VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

— VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ DETERIORATED
☒ GOOD ☐ RUINS
☐ FAIR ☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story, five bay brick building was originally built as a department store and now serves as a local supermarket. The arrangement of the upper floors remains relatively intact but the first floor area has been modernized and remodeled to serve as a grocery store.

The building is three stories in height, about 89' wide, and occupies a lot 125' deep. The facade along S. Charles St. is divided into five wide, decorative bays; along Hamburg St. the building extends back six normal bays. The building is constructed in running bond, with a brown brick facade. There is a shed roof capped by a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a lower molding. The facade design consists of elements of both the Classical Revival and modernistic styles. The facade is divided into five bays by brick piers articulated by horizontal banding, and with terra-cotta Corinthian capitals. The piers frame five separate window areas that are designed as a unit encompassing both the second and third floor areas. (The original appearance of the first floor area of the facade cannot be known, but it can be assumed that it was similar to that of the upper floors.) Each window unit is composed of a set of three upper and lower panels, separated by sheet metal section with three recessed panels. The central window panels are fixed; the two side panels now contain later jalousie-type windows. The central bay of the facade has the same three-panel window arrangement, but the windows project to form a bay window which runs the height of the window area. The metal panels separating the second and third floor window areas are decorated with large acanthus designs. A simple metal crown molding extends across the entire width of the five-bay wide window area of the facade and defines it as a complete unit. Simple metal brackets (two per bay) support the crown molding on either side of the central window of each unit.

The original first floor facade has been replaced by a modern plate glass facade but a remnant of the original tiled basement area of the facade can still be seen at the base of the plate glass sections. There is a centrally located pair of glass and aluminum doors and a deep, flat aluminum sign area which extends across the entire width of the facade and around the Hamburg St. corner.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Wessel

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is particularly interesting as being the first department store built in the South Baltimore area, being constructed by Henry Wessel in 1900. Wessel and his brother Frederick had formerly occupied the original gable-roofed houses located at the corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets, from which they ran a dry goods store in the 1880's and 1890's. The original houses were razed and this large edifice built in 1899-1900, at which time the Henry Wessel Co. was founded. The store was known for its fine quality clothing and was patronized by most local residents. The building now serves as a supermarket, but apart from the first floor area, the original fabric remains intact.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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S. HANOVER

W. HAMBURG

ST.

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S. CHARLES

ST.

W. CROSS

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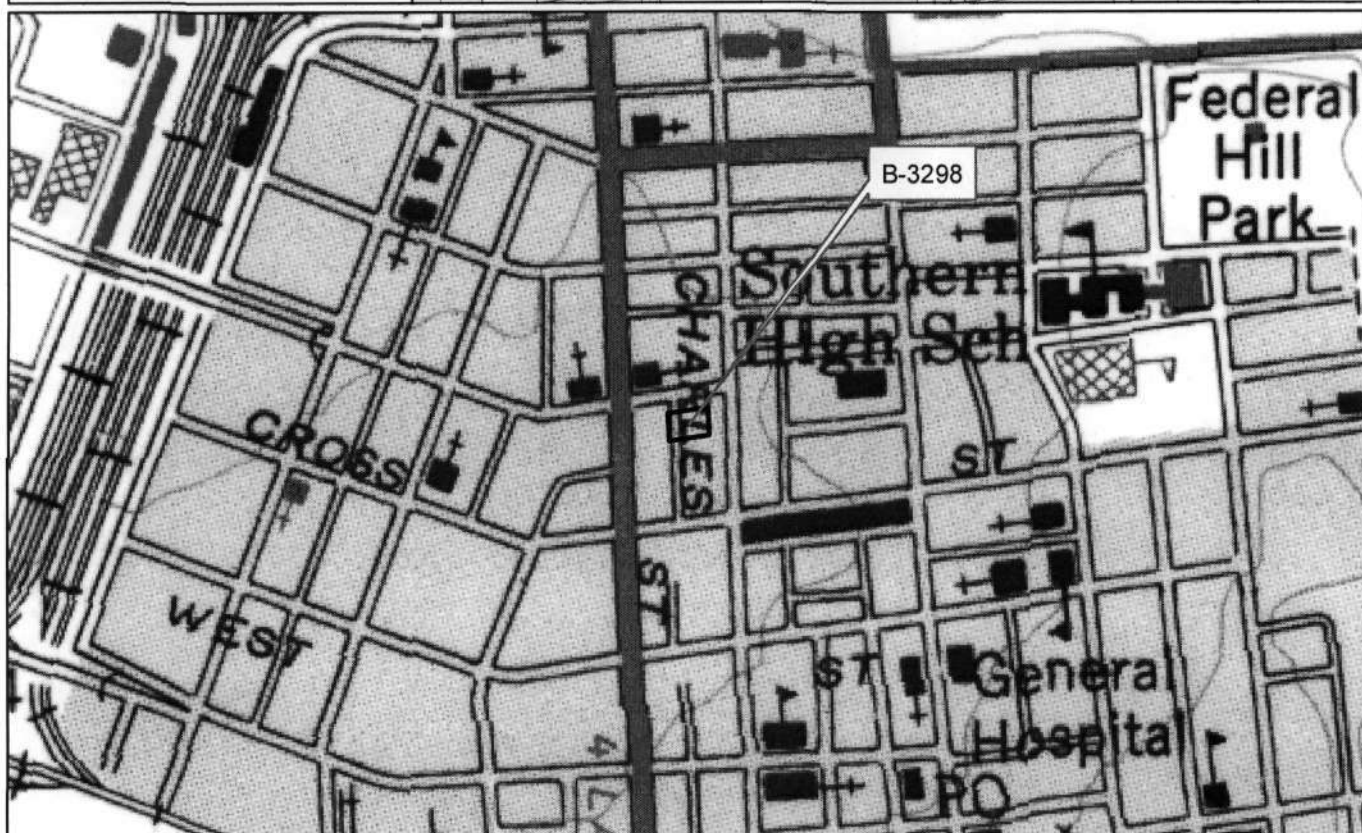
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BUREAU OF PL
PROPERTY LO

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BLOCK

SCALE 1 IN. = 50 FT.

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the City of Baltimore, MOIT/EGIS





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1000-1010 S. Charles St.

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East elevation